

Department of Toxic Substances Control
Project Status Update
for
Wyle Laboratories Norco Facility Site
July 4, 2005

SITE INVESTIGATION/CLEANUP

- DTSC is reviewing Wyle's work plan to conduct soil gas and indoor air sampling at the three schools near the Wyle site. The sampling is planned to address community concerns and to assess whether contaminants are impacting these schools. We will coordinate this sampling with the school district and will provide comments on the work plan by July 8, 2005. A date for the sampling will be determined upon our approval of the work plan.
- A seep in the backyard of a residence on Raquel Road will be sampled this week for trichloroethylene (TCE), perchlorate, and other chemicals of potential concern found at Wyle. When this seep was first examined right after the rains earlier this year, a PVC pipe was discovered in the area and this was thought to be a possible source of the water. After further evaluation, it was discovered that the seepage was not due to the PVC pipe.
- Fracture analysis field activities will begin this week. The first step will be to conduct surface geophysical surveys on-site. This involves the use of geophysical techniques (such as a mobile ground-penetrating radar) to evaluate subsurface geologic conditions. This will provide a comprehensive assessment of subsurface geology, including the potential locations of fractures on-site. The results of this field work will assist in the selection of locations to drill coreholes (boring samples) on and off-site. The goal of the fracture analysis is to locate cracks in the bedrock that may be pathways for contaminated groundwater to move offsite.
- Demolition activities onsite have been completed. Prior to demolition, buildings were surveyed for asbestos-containing material (ACM) and lead-based paint (LBP). DTSC has requested copies of the ACM/LBP certifications. DTSC anticipates receiving the ACM/LBP certification by the end of this week. During demolition, dust control measures were used to ensure no significant amount of dust was generated. Demolition involved only above-ground structures without removal of foundations or significant disturbance of soil. DTSC does not have jurisdiction over the demolition activities, but we asked St. Clair (the property owners) to document the safety measures they use to ensure that on-site workers and the surrounding residents are not impacted by demolition activities. St. Clair provided a copy of the demolition contractor's "Safety Management Program" to DTSC. Copies are available at the DTSC Cypress office, and at both information repositories (Corona Public Library and Norco City Hall).
- Buildings demolished: Areas A1, B, C and D, F2, F3, F4, F5, F5-4, F6, F1C, F9, F12, F10, H2, H3, H4, H5, H8, E, E1, E2, E5, S, I, M1, F5 Area Buildings, J2, and J3.

- Wood and building debris continue to be stockpiled next to F-10 to be moved offsite as needed.
- Removal of metal salvage, wood, and building debris will be conducted from the back of the property to the front.

Upcoming Activities:

- Continued removal of remaining metal salvage throughout the site
 - Continued general area cleanup and hauling away of trash
- Ongoing Remedial Investigation activities:
- Onsite: Last week, took soil and grab groundwater samples in Areas F, F-5, K, and J. Installed vapor probes in Area F. Collected water levels at two onsite wells (MW-14,15)
 - Offsite: Last week, collected water levels at offsite wells (MW-16, MW-19, 20, 21, 23, and 24).

Sampling planned for this week:

- Onsite: Geophysical Survey (first step of fracture analysis)
- Offsite: Seep sampling at residence on Raquel Road.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No change from last week's update